



## Cooperative Program Day

Cooperative Program Day this year on the Southern Baptist Convention Calendar is April 16. The picture shows Hugo Culpepper and several students at Southern Seminary engaged in prayerful support of Bold Mission Thrust. (Photo by William W. O'Dell)

## Carter Visit Points Up Role Of Baptists in West Africa

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — President Jimmy Carter's visit with the heads of state of Nigeria and Liberia, both of whom are Baptists, points up the prominence of Baptists in these two West African nations, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official believes.

John E. Mills, the board's area secretary for West Africa, said the visit of Carter, an active Southern Baptist, will give Baptists in West Africa a "new sense of pride and a new sense of prominence."

The president, who stopped in Nigeria and Liberia on the final swing of his seven-day tour of South America and Africa, attended church April 2 with the Nigerian head of state, Olusegun Obasanjo, at the First Baptist Church in Lagos.

The historic church building was completed in 1887 from materials which early-day Southern Baptist Missionary W. J. David of Mississippi took from America on a sailing vessel in 1885. Its tower is a Lagos landmark and can be seen several miles out to sea.

Obasanjo worships regularly in

Baptist services, including the influential First Church of Lagos. His chaplain, Solomon Abegunde, was pastor of the Lagos church before he moved to Ogbomoso to do translation work. Abegunde travels to Lagos each weekend to hold services for Obasanjo and others at the military barracks where the Nigerian head of state has his headquarters.

Southern Baptist work in Nigeria dates back to 1850. At the end of 1977, the Nigerian Baptist Convention reported 780 churches, 1,620 mission

points, and a membership of 200,000. That makes it one of the 10 leading Baptist populations in the world, according to Baptist World Alliance figures.

In Liberia, Carter met with President William R. Tolbert Jr., who also is a Baptist pastor, president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Education Convention and a former president of the Baptist World Alliance. The Liberian convention has 100 churches, 34 mission points and a membership of 30,000.

## Gulfshore Telephone

The telephone number at Gulfshore Assembly is 452-7261. This is a new number. The previous number by which Gulfshore has been contacted was to a phone in a house on the property. When the new phone to the office in the

administration building was installed, the old phone was disconnected. For several days, however, there was no interception of the calls to the old number, causing no answer after continual ringing of the old number.

## Anita Bryant Featured At Pastors' Conference

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, which includes an opening night address by singer Anita Bryant, will emphasize the old fashioned evangelistic spirit when it convenes at the Georgia World Congress Center, June 11-12.

The conference is among a number of pre and post convention meetings surrounding the annual Southern Baptist Convention national sessions of Atlanta, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Miss Bryant's address and sermons by Fred W. Sampson, black pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and John Bisagno, pastor of

First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will highlight the conference's opening session, Sunday night, June 11.

Three more sessions on Monday, June 12, will also feature preaching and a wide array of music, according to Pastors' Conference president, Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

The conference, addressing itself to theme, "The Urgent Need for Christ Today," will close Monday night with a sermon by James Robison, evangelist from Hurst, Texas, "which we hope will send people away with a new excitement about sharing their faith," Smith said. "The world needs

Christ, needs renewed emphasis on evangelism if Southern Baptists are to accomplish our Bold Mission Thrust goal to proclaim Christ to the entire world in this century."

Other program features include a second sermon by Sampson and sermons by Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Don Moore, pastor, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.; Billy Weber, pastor, Northway Baptist Church, Dallas; Jim Henry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Sam Cathey, evangelist, Owassa, Okla.; Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas; and Tom Eliff, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Special testimonies will come from David Ring, an evangelist from Liberty, Mo., who suffers from cerebral palsy; Marolyn Ford of Huttig, Ark., pastors' wife and author of "These Blind Eyes See," who says a miracle returned sight to eyes not medically capable of seeing; and country music performer Wanda Jackson, who will sing, and her husband Wendell Goodman, a lay preacher, both of Del City, Okla.

A program of music, under the guidance of Pastors' Conference music director, Aubie McSwain, minister of music at First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, includes three selections by The Centurymen, 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music under the direction of Buryl Red of New York, N. Y.

Other music includes The Griffin Family, music evangelists, Rusk, Texas; the Oklahoma City Junior



## Investiture Of Harris

M. L. Flynt, chairman of the Clarke College board of trustees, invested Harris with the medallion of office during the inauguration ceremony at First church, Newton. Harris, in his inaugural response said that the college was rededicating itself "to the primacy of teaching to students' needs." (More photos on page 3)

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## FBC Jackson Bible Festival

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# Mayor Declares Bible Day; UN Missionary Will Speak

Yesterday Jackson Mayor Dale Danks proclaimed April 23 as Bible Day in the City of Jackson.

This proclamation is in connection with a Bible Festival taking place April 22-23 at First Baptist Church in Jackson, which has been incorporated as a part of the Mississippi Arts Festival which begins that weekend.

The Bible Festival, according to David Roddy, minister of education at First Baptist Church, will be a "celebration of the world of the Bible." Roddy said the festival will feature displays of organizations and agencies which are involved in translating, printing, teaching, and distributing the Bible.

Wycliff Translators William Merrifield and Dennis Cochran will be among the lecturers during the weekend programs. Merrifield spent 19 years with the Chinantec Indians of

Southern Mexico, writing a Bible in their previously unwritten language. Merrifield has a Ph.D. in anthropology from Cornell University.

Cochran translated the Bible into a New Guinea dialect.

These men will give a demonstration on how they turn unwritten languages into written ones, producing, in turn, Bibles for the people.

Also featured will be Elias Golonka, Southern Baptist missionary to the United Nations. Golonka, a Pole who fluently speaks 10 languages, including Russian and most of the Eastern European languages, will talk about his experiences in developing ministries to the diplomats and employees of the UN in New York City.

The Bible Festival takes place Saturday, April 22 from 6-9 p.m., and April 23 from 3-7 p.m., with Golonka leading in the 7 p.m. worship service.

Additionally, Bible-oriented organizations will have displays for viewing. The National Bible Museum will have Lewis Miller bringing some of the world's oldest Bibles and what is considered the world's smallest Bible.

The Wycliff Translators will have a display, as will the American Bible Society, The Gideons, the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the Baptist Sunday School Board. The latter will be screening the beginning of a Bible Correspondence Course which will be televised with FBC Pastor Frank Pollard as teacher.

The Genesis Project, which is attempting to put the whole Bible on film, will also have a display.

A special participatory display will be among the exhibits at the church. The Book of Mark will be lined out verse by verse with blank spaces beside the verses for participants to write their own paraphrase of one verse. The compilation will be printed by the church.

First Baptist Church is looking for unusual Bibles of the Jackson community. It wants to identify the oldest

Bible of a resident in the community, for unusual family Bibles and Bibles with strange stories. For information on the possibility of displaying Bibles, contact the FBC office.

David Roddy says the purpose of the festival is to "create a deepening in-

terest in the Bible as the world's greatest book... and lead participants into a more personal involvement in the Bible through reading and applying it to our lives."

The public is invited to all segments of the festival.



Elias Golonka stands in front of the United Nations Building in New York City. (Tim Nicholas Photo)

## Board Transfers Sellers As Annuity Representative

William H. Sellers, advertising and circulation manager for the Baptist Record and data processing coordinator for the Baptist Building, has been named annuity representative for Mississippi to succeed W. R. Roberts, who will retire on April 30.

Sellers has been on the staff of the Baptist Record for seven years. He joined the staff as business manager under the editorship of Joe Odle and assumed the data processing responsibilities later when portions of the Baptist Building's bookkeeping and

Annuity Board, one of only five states with this arrangement. With the change in personnel the representative will be an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and will be aligned with the Department of Church-Minister Relations. He will have the title of annuity associate to the director of church-minister relations.

Under the present arrangement the Convention Board pays half of the representative's salary and sends the amount for that portion to the annuity board to be paid. With the change, the salary will be paid by the Convention Board with the Annuity Board providing an annual allotment to apply on the total expenses of the operation.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, pointed out that about 30 percent of the new representation.

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Sellers



Roberts



Watson



Henderson

He was elected by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mrs. Charles Tyler of Collins, vice-chairperson, presided at the committee meeting in the absence of Chairman P. A. Michel of Brookhaven.

Roberts has been annuity secretary since 1958. Before that he was director of the Brotherhood Department. He has been on the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 34 years.

The Baptist Record's mailing list were computerized. Previously he was minister of music and youth for several churches, three of them in Mississippi. They were First Church, Vicksburg; Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian; and First Church, Canton. He is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

The annuity representative in Mississippi has been an employee of the

## SBC Deadline Nears

ATLANTA (BP) — May 6 is the deadline for persons wishing to pre-register as "messengers" the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

The Atlanta convention is the second year of an experimental attempt to shorten registration lines at the convention city by pre-registering persons elected as messengers by Southern Baptist churches.

Pre-registrants may receive an SBC "Book of Reports," official messenger badge and official computer card ballots for SBC business sessions by sending a filled-out pre-registration form and a check for \$2.50, made out to SBC Executive Committee, to

SBC Pre-Registration, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37217. Additional members of the same family may register for only \$1, provided only one "Book of Reports" is desired for the family.

"To protect the integrity of the SBC voting process, both persons who pre-register for the convention or register at the regular time in Atlanta are responsible for taking care of their messenger badges and ballots," said Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary. "Lost badges and ballots will not be replaced, but additional copies of the 'Book of Reports' may be purchased."

Pre-registration forms are available from the offices of state

## CP Gifts Rise 10.4%

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — National Southern Baptist Convention receipts total \$28,269,406 in Cooperative Program budget contributions and \$59,425,427 in total contributions after the first six months of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Total contributions include the Cooperative Program figure, made up of undesignated contributions for world mission needs of SBC agencies, and another \$31,156,021 in designated contributions.

The Cooperative Program figure is running 9.34 percent ahead of the same period last year, and the total contributions show a 10.38 percent increase.

During March, the sixth month of the fiscal year, Cooperative Program contributions totaled \$4,740,260, or 15.26 percent ahead of March, 1977, and total gifts amounted to \$11,743,402, or 15.20 percent ahead of last March. The total gifts included \$7,003,142 in designated gifts, a 15.16 percent increase over last March.



# Gulfshore Summer Schedule: Telling When, Who And What

## Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Schedule - Summer 1978

May 22-24  
Senior Adult Convention  
Begin Registration 9:30 a.m.-22nd  
Begin lunch-22nd  
Close lunch-24th

May 25-29  
I-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-25th  
Begin Supper-25th  
Close Supper-29th

May 29-June 2  
II-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-29th  
Begin Supper-29th  
Close Breakfast-2nd

June 2-6  
III-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-2nd  
Begin Supper-2nd  
Close Breakfast-6th

June 6-10  
IV-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-6th  
Begin Supper-6th  
Close Breakfast-10th

June 10-16  
V-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-12th  
Begin Supper-12th  
Close Breakfast-16th

June 16-20  
VI-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-16th  
Begin Supper-16th  
Close Breakfast-20th

June 20-24  
VII-Youth Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-20th  
Begin Supper-20th  
Close Breakfast-24th

June 26-28  
Church Training Leadership Retreat  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-26th  
Begin Supper-26th  
Close Lunch-28th

June 29-July 1  
Church Training Leadership Retreat  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-29th  
Begin Supper-29th  
Close Lunch-1st

July 1-3  
Formerly Married Retreat  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-1st  
Begin Supper-1st  
Close Lunch-3rd

July 2-4  
Couples Communication Workshop  
Begin Registration 3 p.m.-2nd  
Begin Supper-2nd  
Close Lunch-4th

July 3-7  
Family Week  
Begin Registration 4 p.m.-3rd  
Begin Supper-3rd  
Close Lunch-7th

July 8-13  
I-Youth Music Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-8th  
Begin Supper-8th  
Close Breakfast-13th

July 13-18  
II-Youth Music Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-13th  
Begin Supper-13th  
Close Breakfast-18th

July 18-22  
Young Musicians Music Conference  
Begin Registration 1:30 p.m.-18th  
Begin Supper-18th  
Close Breakfast-22nd

July 24-28  
Pastor/Church Program Week  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-24th  
Begin Supper-24th  
Close Lunch-28th

July 31-August 2  
I-Sunday School Leadership Conf.  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-31st  
Begin Supper-31st  
Close Lunch-2nd

August 3-5  
II-S.S. Leadership Conference  
Begin Registration 1 p.m.-3rd  
Begin Supper-3rd  
Close Lunch-5th

August 7-9  
III-S.S. Leadership Conference  
Begin Registration 1 p.m.-7th  
Begin Supper-7th  
Close Lunch-9th

August 10-12  
IV-S.S. Leadership Conference  
Begin Registration 1 p.m.-10th  
Begin Supper-10th  
Close Lunch-12th

August 14-18  
Senior Adult Retreat  
Begin Registration 2 p.m.-14th  
Begin Supper-14th  
Close Breakfast-18th  
(adjourn 10 a.m.)

August 18-19  
Church Leadership Training Retreat  
Begin Registration 4 p.m.-18th  
Begin Supper-18th  
Close Lunch-19th

August 21-23  
Church Staff Development Conference  
Begin Registration 2:30 p.m.-21st  
Begin Supper-21st  
Close Lunch-23rd

August 24-26  
Music - Leadership - Adult  
Begin Registration 11 a.m.-24th  
Begin Lunch-24th  
Close Lunch-26th

This is a schedule of summer activities at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Some of the conferences are filled — some have plenty of spaces. For information about reservations, write Frank Simmons, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. Phone: 452-7261.

For questions about content of any particular conference contact the person or department named in parentheses after each description listed below, care of: Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Phone: 354-3704.

**Senior Adult Convention:** the first ever, features James Sullivan, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention; "house call" which includes practical talks by a physician, a lawyer, and a pastor. The Mississippi Council on Aging will have a rep to discuss state and federal programs for older persons. Crafts, reading, and travel will be topics of discussion. (Church Training)

**Youth Week:** for ages 12-17; each of the seven youth weeks will have about 15 conferences for youths to choose from on such subjects as Christian discipleship, faith sharing, beginning guitar, self improvement, missions. They will be led by pastors, staff people, and lay persons. Special interest features are entertainment, talent shows, team and individual sporting competition. Several of the weeks are already booked solid, but some have many spaces available. Reservations from groups from out of state are now being accepted. (Larry Salter)

**Church Training Leadership Retreat:** designed for all Church Training leaders and all adults (18 and above); included in both retreats will be a CT associational directors conference. The June 26-28 sessions will have seminars on CT for professional staff, and on church ministry to retarded persons. The June 29-July 1 sessions will have a seminar for church recreation leadership. Leadership conferences at both will have age group sessions. The two retreats are being sponsored jointly by the Mississippi and Louisiana Baptist CT departments. (Church Training)

**Formerly Married Retreat:** (This will be a crowded week on the coast so that persons bringing children who wish to stay in motels where children often stay free, need to get rooms soon.) Retreat features Bob Adams of Southwestern Seminary, Bill Blackburn of the Christian Life Commission, Ann Alexander, Sunday School Board's family ministry department, Tim Holcomb of FBC, Jackson, and Clark Hensley, of the state Christian Action Commission. (Christian Action Commission)

**Couples Communication Workshop:** this is a special emphasis scheduled at the beginning of Family Week. It would be possible to attend just this workshop or both the workshop and Family Week. It will deal with establishing more effective communication between husband and wife. Topics will be how to argue constructively, and how to understand what was really meant. (Christian Action Commission)

**Family Week:** features parenting workshops on stepparenting, single parenting, and grandparenting; family enrichment groups will be formed, and there will be youth conferences and provisions made for children. (Christian Action Commission)

**Youth Music Conference:** for age 12-college; offers music classes, Bible study, choral rehearsals, presentations, some instrumental work, recreation, and worship. Classes include: music theory, hymnology, solo singing, choral singing, and guitar, handbells, and recorder choir. (Church Music)

**Young Musicians Music Conference:** for grades 4-6; leadership courses to be taught to leaders and sponsors who are present with children. Conductor is Jo Ann Butler of Ada, Okla. Camp pastor is Gerald Buckley. A list of music will be released later. (Church Music)

**Pastor/Church Program Week:** includes such topics as the pastor and the personality profile, planning for retirement, deacon selection, working with difficult church members, and multiplying a ministry through others. For the pastor's wife, sessions will be held on "the wife, a part of the team"; "sharing his role"; "the Christian woman in the working world"; "and living with a man and loving it." (Program Director's Office)

**Sunday School Leadership Conference:** for all Sunday School officers and teachers. The first two have child care, the second two do not. The first two feature Ken Chafin as speaker; the second two feature John Drakeford. Special interest conferences during the first two sessions include work with the deaf, and church libraries. (Church Music)

**Senior Adult Retreat:** this will be held jointly with Baptists from Louisiana. Chester Swor will be the main speaker; Bible teacher will be Perry Webb, pastor of FBC, Baton Rouge, La. Conferences are planned to "minister to the life needs of senior adults."

**Church Leadership Training Retreat:** for Brotherhood leadership on church and associational level. This will train officers and leadership in basic program responsibilities and will feature sessions on disaster relief, prison ministries, lay-led revivals, RA camping, and other mission action and mission ministries opportunities. (Brotherhood)

**Church Staff Development Conference:** for ministers of education, youth, secretaries, clerks, deacons, and kindergarten and day care workers, plus families of these with a program for children and pre-schoolers. Highlights are: a visual presentation on skill development; finding resource materials, and a budget and stewardship emphasis. (Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries)

**Music-Leadership-Adult:** for music leadership and adult choir members. Worship leader will be Frank Gunn. Classes include: keyboard, church music administration, children's choir, choral conducting, handbells, orchestra, and vocal concepts. (Church Music)

## Group Offers Bookkeeping Assistance

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist churches and institutions that need help with bookkeeping and tax-related matters can now get assistance through the Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference, according to Barry Allen, general chairman of the conference.

The assistance would be available for local churches, institutions or Baptist schools that do not have full-time business administrators and could provide advice on such matters as accounting, record keeping, taxation, stewardship and financial planning. Allen explained.

Allen, business manager for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said the assistance is free but said travel expenses incurred by members of the conference who help would have to be covered.

## SBC Deadline

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Baptist executive secretaries or from the March, 1978, issue of the "Baptist Program" magazine, published by the Executive Committee. Each person must fill out a separate pre-registration form and have it signed by the moderator or clerk of the church which elected that person as a messenger to the convention.

Under the SBC constitution, no church may elect more than 10 messengers to the convention. Each church cooperating with the convention is eligible to appoint at least one messenger. One additional messenger, up to the limit of 10, is allowed for each 250 members in the church or for each \$250 paid by the church to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

## Bryant Featured

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Symphony; The Bernard Family, music evangelists, Houston, Texas; three singing groups, including the chancel choir, from First Southern Baptist Church, Del City; the Roswell Street Baptist Church choir, Marietta, Ga.; and soloists, Richard Bradford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M.; James Wright, music evangelist, Nashville, Tenn.; Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City; John McKay, music director, James Robinson Evangelistic Association, Hurst, Texas; and D'Arcy Hodges, music evangelist, Oklahoma City.

**Wynberg, South Africa** — A record 180 students enrolled in theological education programs provided by the Baptist Union of South Africa as the 1978 scholastic year began. Forty-one students graduated from the five Baptist union institutions in 1977 and have gone out into various facets of Christian ministry throughout South Africa and Swaziland. Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Harrison H. Pike are lecturers at the Western Province branch of the Baptist Theological College of Southern Africa in Cape Town, South Africa.

## Newsbriefs

San Antonio (RNS) — Archbishop Francis J. Furey of San Antonio said he was "heartened" to hear about 50 diocesan directors of permanent diaconate programs, meeting in annual session in San Diego, had requested the American Catholic bishops to seek Vatican permission to ordain women as deacons.

Paterson, N. J. (RNS) — Father John T. Catoir, personnel director of the Paterson Catholic diocese and a popular speaker and columnist, has been named director of The Christophers, the mass media organization based in New York. Founded in 1945 by the late Father James Keller, M.M., The Christophers work with the mass media to "encourage each individual to try to change for the better the world we live in." Their message is addressed "to people of all faiths and of no particular faith."

New York (RNS) — As Israeli forces pull back from southern Lebanon, Roman Catholic and Protestant agencies here have begun to mount relief campaigns for thousands left homeless by the invasion.

Church World Service, relief arm of the National Council of Churches, made an appeal to U.S. Protestants for \$70,000 to contribute toward the \$200,000 the World Council of Churches said it would raise.

Catholic Relief Services here said it would send an initial \$25,000 to its office in Beirut.

The relief money from CWS will be used, according to J. Richard Butler, its Middle East director, to provide five tons of high protein food, 18,000 blankets, 4,000 sets of kitchen utensils and 15,000 pairs of sandals. Another portion of the funds will be used for urgent medical care.

## Home Board Directors Name Deneen President

DAYTON, Ohio (BP) — Robert L. Deneen of Columbia, S. C., was elected president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the spring meeting of the directors.

Deneen, pastor of Park Street Baptist Church, succeeds Tommy Jones, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.

During the spring meeting in Dayton, directors reassigned two staff members, created two new staff positions, approved changes in meeting schedules, and approved an emergency contingency fund plan.

John Havlik, director of evangelism development for the board, was transferred to become director of evangelism education and writing, a new position the directors created at the board meeting. Havlik will be responsible for researching and writing in the area of the theology of evangelism and evangelistic apologetics. He also will write, edit or assist in the writing of resources and materials for the evangelism section.

Joe L. Ford, 29, director of evangelism for young adults in the evangelism section for the past four years, was named to Havlik's former post. He will work with state conventions, associations, churches, and other Southern Baptist agencies in interpreting, promotion and relating New Testament evangelism. He is the youngest man currently heading a major department at the Home Mission Board.

Directors also approved two new staff positions. They are for a consultant on the research data management to work with the planning section in obtaining and using computerized research data and an associate director of the department of missionary personnel to assist in recruiting and evaluating candidates for missionary appointment.

### First-Hand Look

During the three-day session of the board, directors also got a first-hand look at home mission work in Ohio — touring mission sites and attending a rally at Far Hills Baptist Church.

"We are very happy to have this group in Ohio," said Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, which has about 120,000 members in local churches. "Just about everyone who has come to do mission work in Ohio has come with the support of the Home Mission Board."

Directors also approved bylaw changes which set the membership of the board's executive committee at 24, shifted meeting schedules and created sub-committees for the departments within the missions ministries division.

The action broadens executive committee membership to include representatives from geographical areas outside the states contiguous to Georgia. The action follows a Southern Baptist Convention vote to reduce the number of local members on boards of agencies.

A plan to provide \$2.5 million line of credit at Citizens and Southern National Bank in Atlanta also was approved, providing for an emergency contingency fund as well as operating capital for the first quarter of each year during which the board operates at a deficit.

"The convention has insisted we have a rather liquid contingency fund

## Clarke Choir To Tour Next Week

The 40 member Clarke College Choir on tour April 14-23 will sing in high schools and churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. The director is Clark Adams. Accompanist is Tammy Weger. This group will perform at the following churches in Mississippi: April 14 — West Jackson Church, Jackson; April 15 — Macedonia Church, Brookhaven; April 16 — Liberty Church, Liberty; April 17 — Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport; April 19 — First Church, Moss Point; April 22 — State Boulevard Church, Meridian; April 23 — (a.m.) — First Church, Quitman; April 23 — (p.m.) — First Church, Newton.

## First, Yazoo City

## Preachers To Return For Hometown Revival

First Church, Yazoo City, plans to have a homecoming revival April 16-19. "Homecoming Day" is Sunday, April 16, with the following schedule: Sunday School — 9:40 a.m.; Morning Worship — 11 a.m., followed by "dinner on the ground"; Church Training — 6 p.m.; and the evening worship at 7.

April 17-19 services will be held at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning services will be followed by coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts in Fellowship Hall.

Eight different guest preachers will be speaking during the four-day revival meeting. All eight of these men grew up in First Church, Yazoo City, and are now in some full-time Christian ministry. Sunday's speakers will be George B. Davis, Dean of Students at Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex., and Clarence H. Watson, associate professor of religion, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Bill Brigham will speak at 7 a.m. service Monday. He is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is completing a term of service as a campus minister intern in northern Virginia. Brigham is the grandson of the late Webb Brame, pastor of the Yazoo City congregation, 1923-1951. Larry D. Hendricks will preach Monday at 7:30 p.m. He is pastor of First Church, Huntington, Tex.

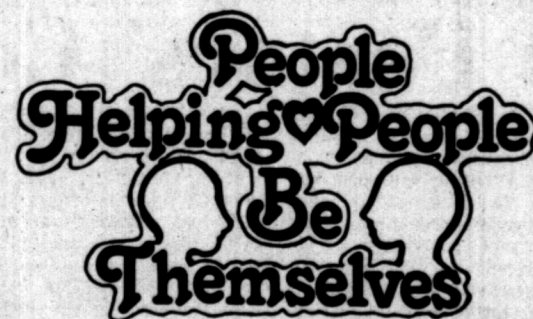
The Tuesday speakers are Charles W. West, staff minister of the Sunnyside Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., and A. Bolling Kelly, pastor of First Church, Helena, Ark.

Wednesday's schedule will feature Tom Martin, senior at Mississippi College. Martin has served interim pastorates and has recently been appointed as a 1978 student summer missionary to Kenya.

The closing service will be under direction of William L. Jenkins, Jr., associate minister at the Columbia Drive Church, Decatur, Ga. Jenkins served a three-year pastorate in pioneer missions, at Highland Crest Church, Green Bay, Wis.

Revival music will be under direction of Bill and Martha Bacon of Clinton. Bacon is minister of music at First Church, Clinton.

James Yates is the pastor.



## STATE-WIDE SINGLES CONFERENCE

MAY 5-6, 1978

COST: \$18

First Baptist Church  
Jackson, MS

For further information  
contact:



# 1,955 Young Musicians Sing In Choral Festival

The state-wide Young Musicians' Choral Festival was held on April 1, at the Mississippi College Coliseum in Clinton. The 1,955 registered participants included 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, ministers of music, and sponsors. Around 250 attended the mass concert after lunch.

Mrs. Linda Boyd, associate to the director of church music, Missouri Baptist Convention Board, was the guest conductor. She is a conference leader in children's choir work, and has directed festivals and music camps in several states.

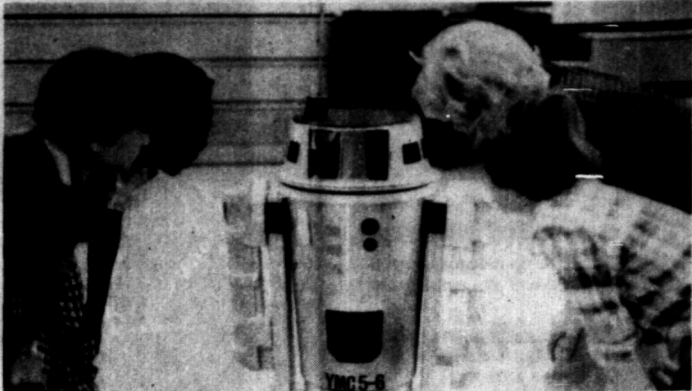
Mrs. Boyd is the author of Musical Experiences With the Autoharp, and curriculum writer for The Music Leader and Church Musician magazines. She led the children in six anthems chosen by a festival committee.

Accompanists for the event were Dot Pray — organ and harpsichord; Alice Davies — piano; Ralph Atkinson — trumpet; and Rusty Holcomb — timpani and bells.

Puppets from First Church, Jackson were the entertainment feature during break time. They were directed by Nona Reid.

Bryan Foster and Eric Ertle, Mississippi College students, played guitar and banjo during the lunch hour. Also featured was Y.M. 4-5-6, a talking robot from Oak Forest Church in Jackson. He is a mascot for the Young Musician choirs at that church and appeared at the festival, asking to be a Young Musician Singer.

This annual event is sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dan C. Hall, director, and was coordinated by Sarah Talley, state music specialist in children's music.



Y.M. 4-5-6, talking robot from Oak Forest Church in Jackson, was the center of attention during lunch break at the Young Musicians' Choral Festival.



The 1,955 participants included 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, ministers of music, and sponsors.

## Church Administration

# Support Of Fellow Pastors Is Topic Of Pastors Retreat

Harold Shirley, pastor of FBC, Talladega, Ala., will talk about pastors supporting their fellow pastors, during the Pastors' Retreat, May 1-3 at Camp Zion in Myrtle, Miss.

Shirley's messages are entitled "Helping Heal the Hurts of Humanity." He will talk about the pastor as the leader of the healing team; effective prayer meeting; and pastors supporting the congregation, and his family.

Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist church in Tupelo, will lead the Bible study for the conference. And James A. Howard, former



Hamblin will lead the Bible study for the conference. Shirley is the leader of the healing team; effective prayer meeting; and pastors supporting the congregation, and his family.

Percy Ray, pastor of Myrtle Baptist Church is scheduled to deliver the keynote address for the retreat.

Conferences include such subjects as filing systems, sermon preparation,

# Youth Workshops Begin

How to fill a whole summer of "prime time" for youth will be investigated during a series of Summer Youth Ministries Workshops during the spring.

The workshops, set at Mississippi State University, William Carey College and Mississippi College, are for pastors and summer youth workers who are either volunteer or employed. They are designed to help these people to plan and carry out a summer of meaningful activities for youth.

The first workshop will be on April 15 at Mississippi State's Baptist Student Union center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Leaders are Ircel Harrison, MSU campus minister; John McCall, minister of music and youth at FBC, West Point; and Bryan Harris, minister of youth at FBC, Columbus.

Another will be at William Carey College on April 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Harrison will lead along with Danny Swindle, director of religious activities at Carey College, and Wayne Malone, minister of youth and evangelism, Main St. Church in Hattiesburg.

May 1 and 2 will be the dates for two more sessions at Mississippi College from 6-9:15 p.m. each evening. Donn Poole, minister of youth at Broadmoor Church in Jackson will be conference leader.

No fees or registration is required. For further information, contact the sponsoring convention board Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries Department.

# The Mission Task Kalwa Farm Is Missions

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

On February 9, 1978, I was privileged to visit Kalwa Farm, a 3,000 acre tract given to the Baptist Mission of Zambia by Malcolm Moffat, grandson of Robert Moffat, whose daughter was married to David Livingstone. Kalwa Farm is named for the Kalwa river and is an experimental farm seeking to teach the Zambian people of the Serenje area how to improve their methods of making a living.

Kalwa Farm is one of the loveliest spots in all Zambia. It is managed by a brilliant, committed, gentle Southern Baptist missionary named Tom Waddell, who with his lovely wife Lucille, and their three children, Howard, Sally, and little Angela, are literally growing a rose in the desert. Tom and his family live in one of the historical landmarks of Zambia, a house built by Malcolm Moffat.

Tom Waddell has restored this landmark. A diesel-powered generator provides the electricity. Water for the house is taken from an irrigation ditch. Most of the food needed for those who live on the farm, as well as those who visit the training center, is grown by the Waddells.

Tom Waddell is one of the most talented men I have known on any mission field in the world. He has developed Kalwa Farm into what it is today. He preaches and teaches in the six churches of the Serenje area. Spending a few days with this committed servant of our Lord makes me realize just how wisely our Cooperative Program mission dollars are working overseas.

Assisting the Waddells are Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Hubbard. Jerry is a Mississippian. He was reared in Tate County where his parents now live. Jerry and his congenial wife are a real asset to the ministry at Serenje. He drives five hours one way each week to lecture in the seminary at Lusaka. He is a hard worker who has the best interest of the people of Serenje, Zambia, at heart.

Pastoring and helping the six churches in the Serenje area is Rev. Moses Chimfumpa and his gentle wife Edna. Moses was converted from a prodigal lifestyle and when the Lord saved him, he got a good dose of it. The missionaries say he is one of the bright spots in the work of the Baptist Convention of Zambia. He also teaches a class in the seminary. Moses is a humble and sincere Christian with a spirit like his Lord. Moses offers hope for the future of a Baptist witness in Zambia. Of all the Zambians I met, Moses best understands what it means to be a servant of Jesus Christ.

On Kalwa Farm is a training center where 60 or more leaders from the churches can be brought, housed, and taught. They can see agricultural missions at its best. Tom Waddell takes the time and patience to explain to the people how they can make a better life for themselves where bare existence is the norm.

I have never felt prouder to be a Baptist and realized more personal satisfaction from my years of promoting The Cooperative Program than during my recent visit to Kalwa Farm, Serenje, Zambia.

# Van Winkle To Host Church Library Meets

Three church library workshops will be held at Van Winkle Church, Jackson in April, May, and June. Three books by Jacquelyn Anderson will be the subjects of study.

At the first workshop on April 15, How To Administer and Promote a Church Media Center, will be taught.

On May 6, the book will be "How to Process Media."

On June 3, the book taught will be How To Classify, Catalog and Maintain Media. These books were published by Broadman and are available at the Baptist Book Store, and at other book stores in the state.

All the workshops will last from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Participants should bring sack lunches, but the host church will provide a beverage.

There is no charge for the workshops. Advance registration should be made by writing to: Payne, 4822 Carter Circle, Jackson, or by calling

her at 354-6383.

Payne is circulation supervisor for Mississippi Library Commission's Information Services. She is also an approved church media center worker for the Church Library Department, SBC. She will lead the sessions, assisted by other resource persons.

Payne says, "These are comprehensive texts and will require a five-hour session each. However, they are well-written and simple enough for the non-professional."

## British Baptists

LONDON (RNS) — Membership in Britain's Baptist churches in holding firm but more ministers are needed, according to a report issued by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Membership of churches reached 182,100 in 1977, as compared to 181,978 reported in 1976.

# Sellers Takes Annuity Position

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tative's time will be spent in church-minister relations work and about 70 percent in annuity board matters.

In other actions the committee invited Clarence Cutrell of the Stewardship Department to stay another year in the department; elected Guy Henderson, missionary to the Philippines, as a consultant in the Stewardship Department; and elected Granville Watson of Moorhead as director of associational missions in Sunflower Association.

The committee also elected Maurice Waltman, pastor of Fellowship Church in Greene Association, to replace Rayford Moore, who has moved from the association, to membership on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This election is on a temporary basis until the convention elects a permanent board member.

Watson will serve Sunflower Association on a half-time basis.

Cutrell will reach the regular retirement age of 65 during October of this year. He would retire on Nov. 1 except for the invitation to return for an additional year.

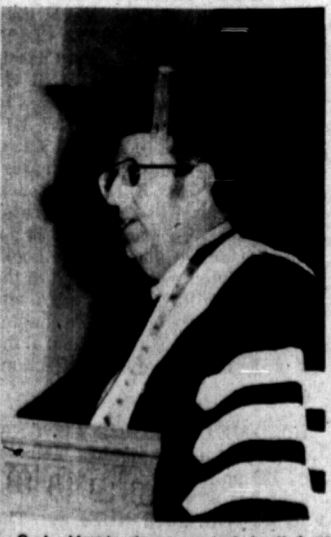
Cutrell's main responsibilities are in aiding churches in fund raising for new buildings.

Henderson will be employed on Sept. 1 with special responsibilities in stewardship promotion. He is a former missionary in residence with the Stewardship Department. He is returning to the states due to a health problem with one of his children. He will have completed 20 years as a foreign missionary.

## S. L. Harris Inauguration



George F. Capps, Jr., associate director of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, brought greetings to the inaugural assembly which included dozens of representatives from the academic community in the United States. Clarke faculty member Mary Jane Myers, student Douglas Broome, and Mississippi College President Lewis Nobles, each brought greetings. Kermit McGregor, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Education Commission, brought the charge of office to Harris.



S. L. Harris, inaugurated April 1 as president of Clarke College, told congregants of a 15 year plan for development of the Baptist junior college at Newton which will include new physical education facilities, a new student center building, and a classroom and auditorium complex.

# ATTENTION: PASTORS, CHURCHES! Christian Home Week May 7-14 Mother's Day May 14, 1978



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## Editorials

In Rankin County . . .

## Signatures Sought For Liquor Election

This writer lives in Rankin County, which, remarkable enough, has managed to remain dry until this time. Alcohol in any form is illegal in Rankin County except for the travesty which allows liquor to be sold at the Jackson airport.

Such may not be the case long, for the wets are planning to begin obtaining signatures in an effort to call a local option election with the primaries in June.

The wet forces are looking to the reservoir area and to the Crossgates area for the bulk of their support. The writer lives at the reservoir. Not long ago we had a local option election which was initiated by reservoir residents interested in making liquor legal. It makes no difference to the selfish interests who want liquor made available to them that the majority of their neighbors don't want it. They will keep trying, hoping to find the dry forces

asleep some time and win the election. It was close last time.

Liquor is a frightening thing always, and especially when it is mixed with water recreation. Yet a reservoir resident is quoted in a Rankin County newspaper as complaining about \$100 fines for drinking beer. In one breath he was saying that because some are drinking it should be made legal; and in the next he was complaining about the enforcement of the law, saying even though it is illegal, there should be no enforcement. This is generally the attitude of the wets.

Let the law enforcement officers in Rankin County be aware that this publication of more than 120,000 subscribers in Mississippi supports to the hilt their continuing efforts to control the liquor traffic at the reservoir and everywhere else in the county. May they know that with all our might we will try to keep their jobs from becoming

harder by not allowing liquor to be sold freely in the county.

May the liquor interests know that if they should obtain enough signatures to force an election, and if they should win, we will come back with signatures on our own — and if they were to keep the county wet they would have to fight for it, just as they are making us fight to keep it dry.

There is simply no good purpose that beverage alcohol can serve. When one begins to tally up the list of potential harm, however, it is a compilation that almost knows no end.

Those who buy liquor pay a high price in destruction, heartache, and misery. They all do eventually. There is no escape.

But there is more to it than that. The fact of the matter is that all of the rest of us have to help those who use the alcohol to pay the price in destruction, heartache, and misery.

The first order of fighting, of course, is to not sign the petitions. The wets will try to make their pitch on a freedom of choice basis rather than being a wet-dry issue. Don't be misled. It is a wet-dry issue. It is a moral issue. And if it's to be a freedom of choice issue, then I choose not to be saddled with alcohol and its problems.

Also we can call on the election commission to be sure all of the signatures are valid.

Finally, if an election is called, the fight against alcohol needs to be waged with as much strength as can be mustered.

There may be other counties where such efforts to call liquor and beer elections are under way. The Rankin County situation is known because of the residence of the writer. The Baptist Record would be interested in knowing where ever such is the case, and will pledge its help in fighting alcohol in any way that it can.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

## Bored With Blessings

How perplexing that we should be bored with our blessings . . . — Mini Jane Johnson

Pastor Lewis Sewell of First, Oxford, conducts a chapel service for the church's kindergarten children on Thursdays. One morning he was shocked — and somewhat crestfallen — when right in the middle of the preacher's speech one little boy sat straight up and announced, "I'm bored," and the fellow next to him said, "Me, too." (In all fairness I must say this is not the usual response he gets. A story on the Oxford kindergarten will appear in the Record soon.)

Indoor work bores me in the spring, when outside the whole world is filled with an air of expectancy, as if the curtain were about to rise at the beginning of a play.

Once, on an April Fool's Day, I was so bored I ran away from school. Ridge Grove School was in the country, ten miles from the nearest town. All the students (and I expect the teachers, too) were longed to be outside sunning themselves with the bees and butterflies. We eighth graders concluded that if all of us ran away that surely the teacher would not punish that many, so we rose as group and walked out.

We stopped by the spring in the woods, and knelt in the moss to drink the sparkling cold water. Then with complete abandon we pulled off our shoes and ran barefoot across the fresh new grass in Uncle Jim's cow pasture, to dabble our toes in County Line Creek.

We picked violets, and played games. After a while, though, we could think of nothing else to do, so we went back to school. Our boredom was to become even worse, because the principal made us stay inside during all the recess periods for the next two weeks.

Have you ever wished for something and then when you got it you soon be-

came bored with it and started wishing for something else? I'm like that, too.

Our nearest neighbor when I was seven lived a couple of miles away. One night I decided I wanted our family to go and visit the neighbor and make a freezer of ice cream. Since Daddy was tired from plowing all day, he didn't want to go; we had no car and would have to walk.

I begged and cried until he and Mama gave in. Betty, age 4, and I took turns being pushed in the baby buggy. (This buggy was shaped like a little chair on two wheels, and had a long handle so that it could be pushed backward, like a wheelbarrow.) I thought I wanted that ice cream more than anything in the world, but before the grown-ups had even finished making it, I had fallen asleep.

Years later, when W. D. and I bought our first house on North Hines Street, I liked the flower-filled yard and the sunny kitchen. But soon I was dissatisfied because the rooms were too small. I wanted a bigger house and a real fireplace.

We moved to Clinton and I got my fireplace. But I found that the kitchen was dark and gloomy and larger rooms only meant more floor space to keep clean.

I was bored with my own menus, so I kept hinting to W. D. that I'd like to try some of his food ideas. It was great to have him cook supper, but do you know that I even got bored with his cooking and complained that he used too much grease or too much hot pepper?

Why am I bored with my blessings? I wish I knew. Maybe it's just the overflow from responsibilities, frustrations, deadlines, and disappointments. Whatever the reason, I hope that before I am much older I can learn to follow some of Paul's admonitions like "Love does not demand its own way" and "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Baptist Doctrine Study . . .

## The Doctrine Of Man

One of the tasks assigned to Church Training is the teaching of doctrine. Those who participate regularly in a Church Training program are given a systematic study of doctrines as well as church history, church polity, and organization.

Additionally, once each year the Church Training organization sponsors an intensive doctrinal study of several days duration. This year the subject is Man.

Baptist Doctrine Study, week this year is April 17 to 21. This is every bit as important an effort as January Bible Study, which is sponsored by the Sunday School, though it does not receive as much attention. Perhaps that condition will improve over the course of the next few years. It is possible that

we have raised up a generation that has very little concept of what Baptists believe. If this is true, then we are in danger of losing a disproportionate number of our members to other denominations, for they do not have any foundation for their faith.

For this reason Church Training is engaging each year in this comprehensive study. Last year the subject of God. Next year it will be salvation. Whereas the January Bible Study looks at one book each year, the Baptist Doctrine Study takes one doctrine each year.

The Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, has the following discussion of man:

"Man has created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the

crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence, whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore every man possesses dignity and

is worthy of respect and Christian love."

William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College, has written a book titled "Doctrines of the Christian Religion." It is published by Broadman. In his chapter on Man he discusses the spirit, soul, flesh, and heart as well as theories of man's nature and theories of the origin of soul. His work covers the moral nature of man, the spiritual nature of man, the original state of man, and the fall of man.

Surely Baptist Doctrine Study is too important an event to let pass by. If it can't be worked into the time suggested, another time will suffice just as well.

The main consideration is to have it.

## Do We Need Larger Associations?

By Foy Rogers, Director  
Cooperative Missions Department

Do we need larger associations?

If so, why:

1. Large associations are financially strong enough to provide attractive programs of work.
2. Large associations can attract the attention of outstanding persons, events, and activities.
3. With modern transportation all Mississippi Baptists could get together in a central area of the state in less time than it would take for all Baptists in the smallest association to get together if we had to use the means of transportation of 50 years ago.
4. Large associations could adequately support a strong associational program without jeopardizing Cooperative Program gifts.
5. Large associations would reduce the number of associations, thus increasing the amount of personal attention they could have from denominational agencies.
6. Large associations are able to provide adequate personnel to meet the discovered needs in the area.
7. Large associations can challenge top-flight personnel to lead them in

planning and carrying out their program of work.

What are some roadblocks to establishing large associations?

1. The number of state board members would be reduced in an area unless the board members were chosen by counties instead of associations. If board members were chosen by counties, there would be 82 board members plus 18 board members at large.
2. Reduced number of associational meetings scheduled in an area in a larger association plus driving distance to those meetings might be a roadblock. It is possible, however, that church people are not as anxious to schedule associational meetings in their facilities as they were in days past. Most of our people might rather drive a little further in order to have larger attendance and better prog-

rams. The small attendance in many associations is discouraging and almost demoralizing.

3. Financial aid from the denomination to the associations would be less if the present plan of granting \$1,500 per year to each association continued. It is possible, however, that the present allocation could be prorated; thus giving even more to the association after larger and fewer associations come into existence.

How could this be done?

Several associations are considering this approach now, and are moving as follows:

- A. Joint committees from compatible and adjacent associations meet to consider the possibility, feasibility, and procedure of such.
- B. The joint committee may conclude that it would be good to:

## Letters to the Editor

Cancel 1981 Convention

Dear Editor:

Please let me suggest an idea and a conviction I have had for some time. We are told by the Home Mission Board that there are some 600 counties in the far west and northwest sections of our country where there is no evangelical witness — no Baptist Church. The executive secretaries of the pioneer states have indicated there are many great cities and not enough churches or workers or money to do the job needed any time in the near future. I have thought of the host of people in these areas who are lost and without Christ.

We have launched Bold Mission Thrust and set a goal to confront every person in these United States with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the next two years. Each state convention is trying to do something about this, but these areas mentioned above could use some help.

Why not do something BOLD! Why not recommend to the next Southern Baptist Convention that we cancel the Convention in 1981 and ask our churches to spend the millions of dollars they would spend to send their pastors and church staff to the Southern Baptist Convention to send them into these needy areas for two weeks to establish new churches and to confront

the people with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Add to this group the staff of every state convention and every Southern Baptist Convention agency and we could really do something about this need.

We could vote a two year budget in the 1980 convention and assign to the Executive Committee any convention needs that would arise in 1981.

This is Bold, Big, and Challenging! It could be done if we dared! It would give Bold Mission Thrust the push forward it needs.

There will be a lot of reasons some will give not to do it. But think what it would mean to the work of our Lord if this host of workers went into these areas to do this in our home land.

Let's do it — for Jesus sake!

George Bagley  
Executive Secretary  
Alabama Baptist State Convention

Vital Area Of Need

Dear Editor:

I just read your editorial "Mistakes Can Be Overcome." It was superb. Thank you for a beautiful commentary on vital area of need for Baptist pastors. It is timely and contemporary. Brooks R. Faulkner, Director  
Personal and Professional Growth

## Book Reviews

Bible Series II — DANIEL: FAITHFUL CAPTIVE by Lou Heath; William Myers, illustrator; DAVID: SHEPHERD, MUSICIAN, AND KING by Lee Holloway; Paul Karch, illustrator; RUTH: WOMAN OF COURAGE by Paul Parris; Robert Cassell, illustrator; MARY: MOTHER OF JESUS by Barbara Hintz; James R. Padgett, illustrator; JOHN: BELOVED APOSTLE by Dorothy Laux; William McPheeters, illustrator; LUKE: DOCTOR-WRITER by Robert Brown; Ron Hester, illustrator (Broadman, \$3.95 each, about 50 pp. each) Attractive and durable books based solely on events related in the Bible for children in grades one through six. At the end of each chapter there is a Thinkback section and at the end of the book there is a Reflections section.

HOLD ME UP A LITTLE LONGER, LORD by Marjorie Holmes (Double-day, 120 pp., \$5.95) This well-known author has written a collection of 89 prayers with such titles as: The Woman I Want to Be, Needlework Prayer, The Good Neighbor, A Mother's Wish-Gifts for Christmas, You Can't Have Everything, An American Woman's Prayer, Friends Are Worth Forgiving, etc. An inspirational book.

## That's A Good Question

By W. Levon Moore

"How will you feel if, when you die, you discover there is no heaven?" He asked the question as we flew at an altitude of 35,000 feet above the plains between Denver and Dallas. The question came following a long discussion of spiritual matters including the way of salvation and his personal need of a new birth experience. His father had been Greek Orthodox and his mother had been Roman Catholic. When he was a small child, they joined the Methodist Church. He said he could never remember his mother going to church, although he attended Sunday School a few times as a boy. "They had me baptized as a baby, but it didn't take," he told me.

The muscular young man in his early thirties discussed his spiritual condition quite freely. He had no religion and wondered how he could have faith in a God who might or might not exist, a Christ who may or may not have been divine, and in a Bible which may or may not be divinely inspired. His neatly-trimmed beard did not hide the serious expression of his face as he

COMMENTARY ON JEREMIAH by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr. (Word Books, \$6.95, 326 pp.) Blackwood gives insight into the historical circumstances in which Jeremiah's prophecies were delivered as well as the social and cultural backgrounds. He emphasizes that the prophecies were the Word of God to Jeremiah's day, and therefore are God's Word to us. The verse-by-verse commentary is divided into three parts, following the basic divisions of Jeremiah. It sheds light on the magnificent poetry of Jeremiah and the troubled times in which Jeremiah lived.

revealed a searching desire to have faith — if it were possible for him to do so. His entire attitude was not critical but indicative of a gnawing emptiness.

An effort was made to help him understand the meaning of faith in relation to the salvation experience. He promised to read suggested portions of the Bible with an open mind and a desire to let God speak to him as He would. The conversation revealed that he was an orthopedic surgeon and a man of keen intellectual capacities. I realized that his question concerning the reality of heaven was not a frivolous one. In my reply, I said, "My response is two-fold. First, what you have suggested will not happen, for I have ample evidence of the reality of heaven; and when I die, I will enjoy its benefits. Second, assuming that there is no heaven, I will not have lost anything because the quality of life and the blessings given to me on earth because of my Christian faith have been worth more than words can describe." As I smiled at him, I said, "Even if there is no heaven, I'm still ahead for I have something in this life which you evidently do not have."

Then, just before the plane touched down at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, I said, "Let me reverse the question and ask you something. How will you feel if, when you die, you find that there is a heaven and that you have missed it?" Several seconds of reflective silence followed. He shook my hand as he prepared to leave the plane, and with a serious look on his face he said, "I'll think about what you have told me."

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## Horn Lake Church Awaits New Plant

First Baptist Church of Horn Lake will have a completely new plant when construction is finished at its new site above two miles west of its present location. The church in this Memphis suburb has its new buildings well on the way to completion with the target date being August.

Pastor Billy Roby has been through this sort of thing before, however, and he knows delays for one reason or another are bound to occur. He expects to be in the building by sometime in October.

Under construction at Horn Lake is a multi-purpose building for use as an auditorium and education space to accommodate 800 in Sunday School. The new plant will be situated on nine acres.

The Horn Lake church was the first in Mississippi to adopt the concept of using a multi-purpose building for worship services.

The multi-purpose building will seat about 800 in worship services without adding auxiliary seating. There will be classrooms along each side that can be opened into the auditorium. The building will be used during the week for recreation such as basketball and skating. At one end will be a pulpit area with choir loft and baptistry to make it easily convertible into a place for worship.

The two-story education building, while not being termed multi-purpose, will also be flexible; for it stands from outside wall to outside wall, and the partitions inside will not bear weight. This means they can be moved without causing structural problems.

First church found itself hemmed in in its present location with no possibility of buying additional property. The opportunity to buy the nine acres in a residential section seemed to come as a miracle. It was considered not to be for sale to a church, but it was made available.

The land cost was \$125,000, and the completed building will cost \$854,000. The furnishings and paving the parking lot will take about \$150,000. This makes the total package come to about \$1,129,000.

The church is growing. Horn Lake was fourth in baptisms in the state last year. There are two morning worship services now with total attendance being about 650. The average attendance in Sunday School is 470. There have been 60 baptisms since October of 1977.

Baptisms have climbed from about 15 per year in 1971 and earlier to from 90 to 100 each year now. There are now 1,437 members with 1,157 of them counted as residents. Sunday School enrollment is 1,269. The music ministry enrolls 425. Total contributions during 1977 were \$247,000.

The church has a full-time minister of music and youth, two full-time secretaries, and a full-time financial secretary. There are two kindergarten workers, a paid organist and paid pianist, and a maid and a janitor.

Roby said one concern is finding enough people to take care of all of the physical necessities of such a plant when the move is made. He said the attitude of the congregation is outstanding, and he particularly appreciates the spirit of the members who have been there over a longer period. The young adults and the middle-aged adults are leading out in committee posts for the multi-purpose building, he added. The members who

have longer tenure are accepting the new ones coming by baptism and left with open arms and cooperation.

All of the members are looking forward to the completion of the multi-purpose building. For one thing, they will be able to have family fellowship meals on Wednesday evenings again.



Interior inspection of the new education building at Horn Lake is carried out by Pastor Roby, left, and committee chairman Dave Stevens.



Building committee members at First Church, Horn Lake, get a good look at the outside of their new multi-purpose building and education building scheduled for completion in August.

## US-2 Evaluation Uses Different Technique

ATLANTA — A new process for evaluation prospective US-2ers may mean a change in the kind of person serving in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's two year program for college graduates.

Used for the first time this year, the process—experiment evaluation—tries to make the evaluation as real as possible by assigning the US-2ers actual tasks to do.

Past evaluations used hypothetical situations or problems to which the US-2ers would react.

In the evaluation this year, the US-2ers were assigned to committees responsible for scheduling activities, planning workshops and evaluation the whole personnel process.

"The task-oriented session allows us to see them in action—and allowed us to give a better evaluation," said Don Hammonds, head of the US-2 committee.

"But in getting to know them better... this makes the decision harder to make," Hammonds said.

Only 32 appointments will be made from the 68 applicants who went through the evaluation process. Applicants for US-2 this year totaled

127.

These US-2ers, when selected, will be appointed in mid-August but will not arrive on the field until after Labor Day.

"This evaluation process allows us to recreate as close as possible what will be in the field—a minimum of guidance and a task to do," said Chuck Hancock of personnel development services. "What we wanted to see was, given a task, could they set about and get the task done. In this, we hoped they would show us how they go about creating community and dealing with people."

"Through this process of evaluation, we hope to have US-2ers who can manage anxiety better and who don't have to be as closely protected."

"We found that if the US-2ers are going to have to be self-sufficient pretty much on the field, that we'd better find out who's self-sufficient... so we designed this process to find out who can exist under those circumstances," Hancock explained.

The process, new to the Home Mission Board, was on trial this year, but the staff who were involved were so pleased, it will probably be used again.

production, improving food preservation and preparation, plus securing pure water supplies and employing culturally appropriate farming methods.

In Ghana nutrition programs include distribution of cereal mix to school children. And in Senegal Paul H. Grossman has been named by the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries to coordinate efforts with other groups.

The hunger situation developed as changing weather patterns forced farmers to plant grain they had saved for food. Rains didn't come when expected and a second planting was required. This planting was late and irregular rainfall continued, resulting in a poor harvest. Families now have insufficient grain for planting, for food and for maintaining livestock.

"Although the Sahel area's emergency needs are being met, other needs still exist," Grubbs said. "Among the needs are seed for planting and medical assistance."

The people affected by the poor harvest have been living at a level below recommended nutrition guidelines, but were moving toward self-support after the drought of 1974. If help is received so they can survive this crisis

and if developmental work continues, the people will be able to become self-supporting.

"We have to look at the long-range possibilities," Grubbs said, "and work toward feeding the hungry now and giving them better ways of feeding themselves in the future."

"Relief efforts can contribute to meeting people's spiritual needs as well as physical needs if done as an integral part of a total missions effort," said John E. Mills, the board's area secretary for West Africa.

"Southern Baptist money is being administered by Southern Baptist missionaries," Mills said. "This insures a maximum return both in terms of physical aid and opportunities to share Christ."

Grubbs expects at least \$200,000 is needed for this crisis and substantial amounts of additional money will be needed over the next two years for development relief programs.

Mills pointed out that relief funds are not budgeted, but appropriated from special gifts over and above contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

(Ruth Fowler is a FMB news-writer.)

## Alcoholics Worker Sees Results Of CDU

For years Luther Litchfield, chaplain of the Chemical Dependency Unit at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, has been interested in working with alcoholics.

However, he felt that his endeavors were unsuccessful—that is until he joined the CDU staff in September, 1976. Here, he says he feels that he has become an integral part of a program designed to help alcoholics toward recovery.

Earlier, Litchfield, a Meridian na-

tive and graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, was for 18 years pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus.

"It has just all seemed to fall into place," he said, "and I'm elated."

The CDU program is part of a full-service hospital setting where the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of the patients are met.

"Alcoholics come into treatment broken, with shattered lives, seemingly doomed to an alcoholic living death," says Litchfield. "Most are filled with skepticism, hostility, fear and arrogance; having tried time and time again, without success, to get help. Tormented, they are unable to cope with life without alcohol or other drugs."

Once physical rehabilitation is initiated, the patients begin participation in group therapy. Through exposure to this atmosphere, they begin to examine their motives and take a close look at themselves. "Our program demands complete honesty," says Litchfield. "This is often difficult for the alcoholic. He has been dishonest with himself and others for such a long time that he may have lost touch with reality."

"It is often painful to take an honest look at one's own irresponsible behavior," he points out. "And, in an effort to escape this discomfort, the alcoholic justifies, minimizes, and rationalizes."

Gradually the patient is introduced to the concept of a need for a higher power—a power greater than himself. He may come to realize that his life is unmanageable and that only through complete surrender to God, as he understands him, will he ever be relieved of his alcoholism.

"Basically that's what I had been saying for years in my ministry," Litchfield recalled. "But until the alcoholic is stronger physically is he ready to listen."

"I like the direct simplicity here at CDU as opposed to high-sounding rhetoric," says Litchfield. "We just tell the patients that when they realize the need to turn their lives over to the care of God many of their tensions will disappear. When we see the change that comes with acceptance, we see a true miracle."

While in treatment, more often than not, patients develop an entirely new concept of God. Rather than a punishing God to be feared, they find a loving, compassionate God who cares.

Treatment at CDU is only the beginning of a lifetime process of recovery for the alcoholic. The disease of alcoholism can only be arrested. There is no cure. In order to stay sober and live a happy and contented life, the alcoholic must continue to maintain a conscious contact with God through daily prayer and meditation.

Each patient at CDU has a different story—a different problem. "But the binding, healing grace in every case, is God," says Litchfield. "He brings it all together."

## Personal Witnessing Is 'Must' For MSC Success

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (BP) — To succeed, Mission Service Corps must have a strong personal evangelism base, prayer support and financing, lay leaders in evangelism said in an informal retreat at Kinhega Lodge in Tallahassee.

The laymen shared concerns about Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist Convention plan to place 5,000 volunteers alongside missionaries at home and abroad by 1980, in a "listening session" with William G. Tanner, executive director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Personal evangelism must be made a part of the Mission Service Corps volunteer's experiences on the field," the laymen said. They also expressed doubts about recruiting volunteers if personal witnessing is not part of the mission field work.

The laymen insisted prayer would be the key to MSC success, and Tanner agreed. "Prayer support is a key concept," he said. "Every successful spiritual revolution we've had or any organization that is effective today has built their success around prayer support."

The laymen maintained the greatest contribution they could make to MSC would be in finding funds.

The meeting with lay persons is significant in light of the recent Congress of the Laity in California in which laymen from para-church groups complained that most denominational agencies did not respond to the suggestions and priorities of lay persons.

Tanner plans to continue "listening meetings" to keep the Home Mission Board in touch with the laity and is considering an advisory group of lay persons to assist him in this capacity.

## Golden Gate Plans World Mission Center

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — A task force has been working for two months at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary formulating programs for a unique World Mission Center on the seminary's campus in Mill Valley, Calif.

The task force, made up of missionaries, pastors and seminary faculty, staff and students, will present its report prior to the April 4 meeting of the Golden Gate Board of trustees. The executive committee of the trustees has already approved the basic concept of the center, which will be designed to help the Southern Baptist

Convention implement its Bold Mission Thrust goal to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

Set in the cross-cultural environment of the San Francisco Bay area, the center will aim at preparing students to minister all over the world. The center will provide resources in mission conferences, research facilities, writing, and courses of study and specialized training in the international flavor of the Bay area. The center will emphasize all branches of missions—associational, state, home and foreign.

One of its features will be the Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions, which will honor the work and leadership of Cauthen, executive director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. A perpetual fund has been established for the chair, which will be financed by gifts.

## International Baptists To Address Youths

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist leaders from Taiwan, Sweden, and the United States will be featured speakers at the 1978 Baptist Youth World Conference in Manila, The Philippines July 19-23.

More than 5,000 persons from 70 countries are expected to attend this ninth youth conference sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance.

Lien Hwa Chow, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Taipei, Taiwan, will keynote the opening session with an address on the conference theme, "Jesus Christ—the One Light for All People." Chow graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Larsake W. Persson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Vasteras, Sweden, will address the evening session focusing on youth and self-identity. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, will speak to the theme of faith. Paul Nichols, dean of the school of theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., will close the conference with an address on youth and mission.

Daltro Keidann of Brazil, chairman of the BWA youth committee, announced a total goal of \$100,000 has been set for travel scholarships to assist in travel and lodging expenses of young people from countries that would not otherwise be represented. The fund is being raised chiefly by contributions from individuals and churches.

Programs have been planned to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences between participants. Each day's meeting will begin with small group discussions around a Biblical emphasis.

A souvenir swap will follow the first evening's session. Delegates are being asked to bring items typical of their countries to exchange with other people from around the world.

A "Late Night Show" the last three evenings will have two programs running simultaneously, featuring both informally structured conversations with several young people and performing musical groups.

To be considered as participating musicians, individuals and groups must submit a reel-to-reel tape of three selections, an eighty-by-ten photograph and a complete repertoire list to Mark Blankenship, Baptist Youth World Conference music director, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Changing Communities Conference April 20-22

ATLANTA — The second annual leadership conference for churches in racially changing communities is scheduled for April 20-22 at the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City, Mo.

Sponsored by the Home Mission Board Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, the conference will help ministers solve communication problems facing their communities.

Last year's conference proved successful. One pastor reported, "For the first time, some of the genuine issues facing the Baptist churches in racially changing situations were admitted, dealt with, and, if not solved, at least, not feared."

A Saturday morning worship service "Weeping Over the City" led by Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention will conclude the weekend of addresses, workshops, and Bible study classes.

Keynote speakers include James D. Glaspe, president, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Penn.;

Ezra Earl Jones, noted church growth specialist of the General Council on Ministries, United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio; Samuel K. Roberts, of Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and Dale Cross, director, Metropolitan Evangelism Strategy, HMB, Atlanta.

Harold Songer, professor of New Testament Interpretation and director of Basic Professional Studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be a keynote speaker and will conduct Bible study classes.

Although directed primarily toward pastors, staff members, and lay persons of the Southern and National Baptist churches, interested state Convention leaders and personnel from Southern Baptist Convention agencies and seminaries may attend.

For more information, contact HMB Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.

## Hunger Relief

# Christians Truck Grain From Ports To People

By Ruth Fowler

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist hunger relief in the Sahel Desert region of West Africa is aimed at the greatest need—getting grain from the port to the people.

W. Eugene Grubbs, hunger relief and disaster response coordinator for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, says grain is arriving in the ports of many of the hunger-stricken nations, but is "hundreds of miles from the places where it is most critically needed." Baptists are joining with other evangelical groups to provide trucks to transport the grain to the people who need it most.

Changing weather patterns left harvests up to one-third below normal levels in areas of six countries, including Senegal, Upper Volta and Ghana, where Southern Baptist missionaries work, and Mauritania, Chad and Mali, where no Southern Baptist missionaries serve.

One of the earliest relief programs began in Upper Volta where agricultural missionary Ray W. Eitelman has extended his regular work to include hunger relief and long-term developmental programs. These include teaching methods of increasing food



Baptist Work Viewed First-Hand

A group of Clarke College students visited the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board recently. They are students enrolled in "An Introduction to Baptist Work," taught by Charles Melton, professor of religious education at Clarke. The course, which includes basic information about the operation of Southern Baptist work at all levels, is required for all ministerial students at the state Baptist colleges. Hollis Bryant of the Cooperative Missions Department of the convention board, coordinates the teaching of the course. In the picture, Kermit King, director of the Church Training Department, (at far right) explains the aims of his department as they relate to Baptist churches in Mississippi.



## Poplar Springs Drive

# 95th Anniversary Brings Note-Framing And Dedication



Pastor James Ruffin and Lamar McDonald, Jr., chairman of deacons, cut the 95th anniversary cake at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on March 12.



Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, held a note framing service on March 19. The ceremony signified that the church's indebtedness all had been paid. Life deacons, left to right, are O. L. Litchfield, Gordon Shamburger, Earl Snowden, and Charles Marbury.

## Gospel Song Writing Contest Announced

NASHVILLE — A gospel song writing contest sponsored by Broadman Press will offer prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 to winners selected for submitting the best unpublished songs before Aug. 31, 1978.

Don Butler, executive director of the Gospel Music Association, will be one of the judges, along with W. F. Myers, vice president of SESAC, a licensing agent for composers and authors. Mark Blankenship, Broadman Press music editor, will be responsible for screening all entries.

Entries must be sent to the Broadman Gospel Song Competition, Nashville, Tenn. 37234, no later than Aug. 31, 1978. Winners will be announced in October 1978.

All participants must send a tape recording of their song, plus a lead sheet with the melody, words and chords. Previously published materials are not acceptable.

Broadman Press will copyright and publish the winning songs, and Broadman retains first refusal rights to the publication of all songs submitted.

A self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included for the return of material not accepted.

# Clarke College Names Two To Administrative Positions

Clarke College President S. L. Harris has announced action of the Board of Trustees in filling two positions. Effective August 1, 1978, A. C. Johnson, teaching history and government at the college, will become Director of Development and Larry Gressett, math and psychology instructor, will begin service as Dean of Students.

Johnson is in his first year at Clarke but has been involved in higher education for a number of years, having taught at both the University of Southern Mississippi and Meridian Junior College. He holds degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Alabama. He holds the Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and is a member of the Mississippi Bar.

He is a deacon and Sunday School

teacher at State Boulevard Baptist Church in Meridian and has served as moderator of the Lauderdale Baptist Association and director of the association's Brotherhood. Johnson is a long time member of Civilian and has been District Governor, Judge Advocate, and is presently Chaplain for the District.

The new Dean of Students, Larry Gressett, joined the Clarke faculty in 1974 as mathematics teacher and coach. He is a native of Chunky and holds the BS and M.Ed. degrees from Mississippi College.

Mrs. Gressett is the former Ruth Mabry. The Gressetts make their home in Lake where they are members of Lake Christian Church. Gressett works part-time as an announcer with radio station WQST and is a member of the Lake Board of Aldermen.



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## Revival Dates

**First, Waynesboro:** April 23-27; Keith Fordham, ventriloquist, Forest Park, Ga., evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, singer; Mon-Thurs., nights only, 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Hodges, pastor.

**Bel Aire Church, Gulfport:** April 16-21; J. Milton Burns, pastor; Ralph Webber, pastor, First, Vidalia, La., evangelist; J. B. and Marsha Betts, Southaven, singers; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Fri. 7:30 p.m.

**First Church, Lyman:** April 16-21; Patrick Henry, pastor; evangelist Sonny Adkins; guest musicians, the Richard Miller family; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Fri 7:30 p.m.

**Richburg Church, Hattiesburg:** April 10-15; Raymond Scruggs, pastor of First Church, Keystone Heights, Fla., evangelist; Dean Hamric, minister of music, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Richard Miley, pastor.

**Siloam Church, (Clay):** April 23-28; David Perkins of Kentucky, guest speaker; Dionne Williams of Aberdeen, music leader; Walter Frederick, pastor.

**Mt. Horeb Church, Meridian:** April 23-28; services at 7:30 p.m. Danny Laferty, new pastor of Mt. Horeb, evangelist; Paul Bird, new minister of music at Mt. Horeb, music evangelist.

**Northcrest Church, Meridian:** April 16-21; Gordon Sansing, pastor, Arrowood Church, Meridian, evangelist; Joe Duckett, Northcrest, singer; Lynn Houston, pianist; Kathryn McBride, organist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Chris C. Cornelius, pastor.

**First, Tupelo:** April 16-19; Henry Adrien III, pastor, University Church, Houston, Tex., guest evangelist; D'Arcy and Sharon Hodges of Oklahoma, musician; Bill Rittenhouse, pastor.

**Raymond Church:** April 23-28; James Buie, minister of special ministries, First, Baton Rouge, La., preaching (former pastor of Woodville Heights, Jackson); Bob Shuttleworth, minister of music, assisted by Mrs. Edith Ballard, organist and Mrs. Ann Laster, pianist, in charge of music; Sam Mason, pastor.

**Calvary (Clarke):** April 23-28; George Harper, pastor at Glendale, Fla., evangelist; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; Wayne Wigley, pastor; James Haywood, minister of music.

**Pachuta Church (Clark):** April 14-16; Robert Dunn, pastor at Carmel Church in Monticello, evangelist; Argile Smith, Pachuta pastor, music evangelist; services Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m.

## Mississippi Pastor Retires In Mobile

Edward McKeithen, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Wayne County for five years recently retired and has moved to Mobile, Ala.

McKeithen is a native of Meridian, having finished Clarke College and New Orleans Seminary. He has held pastorates in Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba and Pearl River Counties in addition to Wayne.

His wife is the former Margarite Gunn of Meridian and they have three children: Charles, Clinton; Mrs. Clayton Duggins and Don McKeithen of Mobile.

Because of his previous experiences in the lumber business and the operation of a sawmill, he went to Ecuador in 1976 and set up a mill for Missionary James Gilbert.

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Trinity Church presented the couple a silver tray upon their retirement.

## Southern Baptists Lead ABS Giving

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — With 1977 gifts totaling \$251,908, Southern Baptists contributed 16.3 percent of the denominational gifts received by the American Bible Society according to the society's year end statistics.

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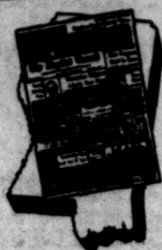
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# Just For The Record



Men of Mt. Olive Church (Lauderdale) volunteered to give one week's work each to build a new education building to be used in a weekday children's ministry. The building open since January, 1978, contains almost

3,600 square feet of heated space, costing approximately \$13.58 per square foot. Fifty-five are enrolled in the child care ministry. The picture is the groundbreaking ceremony, July 4, 1977. The pastor, Joe Strahan, is on the left holding the Bible.



Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln Association, has broken ground for a new sanctuary. Chairman of the building committee is Steve J. Smith; contractor is Paul Jackson; architect is Warren McClesky; and pastor is H. D. Swindall.

## McAdams Burns Note Ten Years Early

McAdams Church, Attala County has burned a note to celebrate paying off the indebtedness on the Family Life Building of the church. The original plan was for canceling the debt in 15 years; the debt was paid in little more than five years.

Pastor Joe Anderson said that different individuals and groups cooperated in making this early settlement possible: the youth sponsored various fund-raising projects and women made quilts and sponsored other activities which netted a worthy amount; members of the building, grounds, and maintenance committees, the deacons, and members - at - large gave of their time, energy, and/or money. Anderson expressed special gratitude for those members who made the final immediate payment possible.

Future plans for improving the church facilities include repairing and improving the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms in the original building, paving the parking area, and making needed repairs on the pastorium.

## Southside To Dedicate Family Life Center

Dedication and open house will be held at the New Family Life Center of Southside Church, Jackson, Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m.

The Family Life Center includes a gym, which will be used for basketball, volleyball, skating, etc. Other facilities are game and craft room, kitchen, fellowship room, and activity director's office.

Southside is looking forward to the completion of a new sanctuary in the very near future.

Fred D. Fowler is pastor, and Herb Foreman is activities director.

## Missionary News

Clara Hagler Freeman (Mrs. L. C.) Quarles, 79, a Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina for 38 years and a resident of Richmond, Va., since 1959, died March 24 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Quarles lived with her daughter, Clara Louise (Mrs. Samuel E.) Culotta, of Richmond. A member of First Baptist Church, she had been active in work with Spanish-speaking people and Goodwill Center activities in Richmond.

Southside Church, Greenville, will have homecoming on Sunday, April 16, and will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Regular church services will be followed by dinner on the ground and an afternoon song festival.

## 92 From State Are Enrolled At Southwestern

FT. WORTH, Tex. — Ninety-two students from Mississippi are among 3,321 students enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the spring semester.

This is the eleventh consecutive year in which spring enrollment has been up. The figures reflect a seven per cent increase over last spring's enrollment.

## Florida Stops Bond Sales

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Cease and desist orders have been issued by the state of Florida against three organizations to stop the sale of religious securities.

The Michigan Baptist Foundation, a Florida corporation with offices in Fort Myers; University Prep, Inc., of Orlando; and the Oxford Foundation of Leesburg sold bonds under an exemption from Florida security registration and disclosure laws accorded religious and non-profit groups without disclosing required data to investors, according to a report in Religious News Service.

Two civil suits also were filed against the Michigan Baptist Foundation, associated with the American Baptist Church, claiming it had issued an estimated \$9.1 million in bonds to finance construction of a retirement center in west Florida.

## Delta City To Hear Missionary To Europe

John Merritt, missionary to Europe, will be guest speaker at Delta City Church on Sunday, April 16. He will speak at morning and evening services, at 11 and 7, and also at Church Training at 6.



Merritt

Dinner will be served on the church grounds, according to the pastor, Eugene Hall.

John and Elizabeth Merritt are missionaries stationed in Germany, where he is executive secretary of the European Baptist Convention. The convention has headquarters in Heidelberg.

This convention is composed of about 45 English-language Baptist churches in eleven countries.

Before they transferred to Germany in 1972, the Merritts were stationed in Milan, Italy.

A native of the Hattiesburg area, Merritt was graduated from Clarke College, and received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Merritt, the former Elizabeth Pope, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Chicora, Miss.

## Student Preacher Available

Tommy Foster, minister of music at Crestview Church in Petal and a senior church music major at the University of Southern Mississippi, will be available beginning May 1 for evangelistic work in the area of revivals. His address is Southern Station Box 1347, Hattiesburg (phone 266-7559).



Foster

## NAMES IN THE NEWS



Foreign missionaries spending their furloughs in Mississippi brushed up on broadcasting skills at a recent seminar at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex. Meeting with Paul M. Stevens (center), Commission president, and Fred Laughon (second from left) of Richmond, Va., the Radio-TV Commission's liaison to the Foreign Mission Board, were (from left) Bob Holfield of Jackson, assigned to Italy; Annette (Mrs. Russell) Herrington of Tupelo, assigned to Costa Rica, and Stanley Stamps of Clinton, assigned to Nicaragua. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board — Radio-TV Commission photo.

Pine Grove Church, Lauderdale County, has licensed Jim Rickles to the gospel ministry. Rickles, a graduate of Mississippi State University, is currently taking seminary extension courses. He is available for supply and may be reached through his pastor, James E. Stephens, telephone 737-5296, or at his home, telephone 626-8484.

Gore Springs Church, Grenada County, ordained two new deacons, Lamar James and Joe Max Blakley, March 26. Finley Evans, associational missionary, preached the ordination sermon. Michael Hunt is pastor. A deacons' supper and training session was held at the church April 4.

## Holiday Conference For Married Young Couples

NASHVILLE — The second annual Memorial Day Weekend retreat for married young couples will be held May 26-29 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

"Christian Marriages: Games or Growth?" will be the theme of the four-day meeting which begins Friday evening and concludes Monday morning. The theme also is the title of a book by G. Wade Rowatt which was prepared for the 1978 Christian Home Week emphasis.

Total cost of the conference is \$98 per couple. Cost for Sunday School leaders of married young adults who desire a single room will be \$78.

The married young adult retreat is sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

## Golden Gate D. Min. Program Accredited

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's doctor of ministry program has received full accreditation from the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

The accreditation culminates seven years of work by the seminary's advanced study committee, chaired by Robert L. Cate who said accreditation is a sign that the seminary's program is on a "firm foundation."

## Staff Changes

Danny Lafferty, who moved from Grand Bay, Ala., where he was pastor of First Church, is the new minister for Mt. Horeb Church (Lauderdale). Lafferty is a graduate of Mississippi College and has attended the seminary in New Orleans. He and his wife, Linda, are parents of three children.

Gary M. Bowlin has accepted a call to Lakeshore Church, Lakeshore and Rainey Roads, Jackson, as pastor. A native of Liberty, he is a graduate of LSU and received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He goes from West McComb Church. He is married to the former Norma Benton. They have two children.



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# Lobos' 'Rev': Faith, Hoop, Charity

By Toby Smith

Last year, just about when the University of New Mexico basketball team entered a frightful slump, particularly its foul shooters, a well-dressed, thirtyish man began appearing on the team's bench during home games. "Hey, who is that guy?" a Lobo fan finally asked Coach Norm Ellenberger. Seldom without an answer, Ellenberger said, "He's our free throw coach."

This year's Lobo basketball resurgence has been attributed to many things, including that "free throw coach" who's back again, still without a mention in the game program. Actually, the man's no coach at all. He's Morris Chapman, minister of Albuquerque's First Baptist Church. To the Lobos, he's simply, "Rev."

In a way, how the basketball team gained a preacher resembles how the Lobos became nationally ranked: They went talent hunting. In this case, for someone caring and personable. "He's the perfect man for the job," a team observer says of Chapman. "He's been a great buffer for Norm."

In the fall of 1976, UNM Regent Calvin Horn, who knows a slam dunk when he sees it, gathered Chapman, Ellenberger and assistant coach John Whisenand together for lunch. Horn, a member of Chapman's church, had always liked the young minister's poise and sincerity. It didn't take long to sell the two coaches on the idea of having a team chaplain.

The Lobos were already having team prayers, led by Ellenberger. But the coach, who, perhaps because he uses his voice enough, welcomed help.

Chapman was told to report to the next home game.

"When I showed up at the 'Pit,'" Chapman says, "Coach told me to go down and introduce myself to the guys. I went to the locker room and immediately ran into Wil Smiley." Chapman, who stands six feet, hesitantly told the 6-10 Smiley why he was there. "I got an 'Oh' and that was about it," Chapman says.

"It took about six months before the team knew exactly what my role was; that I wasn't to be a moral policeman, but was there as a friend."

This year, as soon as Ellenberger signed Chapman for another season, the minister began showing up at fall practice sessions. "My primary objective is to be available. Not to serve as a critic of lifestyles. The whole thing is very low-key. When the guys are down, I offer encouragement. And I rejoice with them when they're up. I'd like to think my presence reminds them that God does care about what they are doing."

Chapman has done some pastoral counseling with team members, but only at a player's request. There is, he says, a strong faith on the Lobos, a team made up of Catholics, a Jew, and various other denominations.

"It's been no big light in the East or anything," says Ellenberger of Chapman's visibility. "Rather, it's been something very positive."

Perhaps it became truly positive for Ellenberger last year in the opening game of the Lobo Invitational. Chapman's seat on the bench is along the baseline. It's a seat close enough to the action, but far enough away to view

things unobtrusively. This night, however, searching for answer to his team's poor play, Ellenberger stormed the length of the court. Spotting Chapman perched in quiet study at the end of the bench, Ellenberger whirled and yelled to the minister: "Do something!"

"I am," Chapman yelled back. Quickly, the Lobos scored two baskets. Glancing down at his team's chaplain, Ellenberger nodded approvingly.

Church duties keep Chapman from going on road trips with the team, but he makes all home games, arriving at University Arena at 6:30 p.m. "I like to listen to some of the themes Coach mentions in his pre-game meetings—unselfishness, teamwork, intensity, concentration."

After the team finishes warmups, Ellenberger gives them a few trial words and then Chapman says a team prayer—focused on say, concentration—just before tipoff. Win or lose, following each game Chapman recites the Lord's Prayer with the team.

The hardest thing for him to do, Chapman says, is to be around the team after a loss. "After the Syracuse game this year, there was overwhelming disappointment. It's times like those that I learn to leave the team alone. But by and large these guys have matured a lot. I'm no basketball expert, but I do see a greater commitment to the team as a whole. A sense of love and brotherhood. Just the other day I heard Phil Abney say, 'We're all good friends.'"

Having a team chaplain is nothing new in sports. However, having a man like Morris Chapman around just

might be. Chapman, who came to Albuquerque four years ago from a church in Waco, Tex., is a sports fan, but not the overbearing kind. He lettered in baseball in high school in Kosciusko, Miss. ("the geographical center of the state"). His basketball playing was confined to intramurals at Mississippi College in Clinton.

"I've never seen myself as an athlete, but I've often said that if my body matched my competitive mind, I would be a superstar," Chapman, who holds a doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth, Tex., was listed as an Outstanding Young Man in America in 1974. At 37, he is president of the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

There has been, in recent years, some criticism concerning the encroachment of religion into the world of sports; that God loves a winner, that sort of thing. "Nobody likes to win more than me," says Chapman.

"When I play racquetball, if I lose, I go out much more determined the next time. The problem comes, I think, when you confuse winning with success. True, if you're engaged in competition it's realistic to think about winning. But winning is not everything."

But one wonders what if the Lobos begin to slide? What if the team drops a few games, what if they do not win? What then will Morris Chapman say to the players?

"I'll try to help them see that life is larger than basketball." (Reprinted from *The Albuquerque Journal*, Albuquerque, N. M.)

## Devotional

### The Christian's Company

By Gowan Ellis, Nexapater  
Matthew 18:20

Who is your company? This question is heard often when someone is visiting and another person calls or stops for a visit. Jesus assured His presence with believers on all occasions. When one asks "Who is your company?" Consider the difference it would make if one would say Jesus Christ. One never walks alone; He walks with one. One never bears a burden alone; He bears the burden with one.

To some, Christ is a distance away. It seems that one must find Him in an ivory tower or in a certain place. Yet the New Testament emphasizes the nearness of Christ and the approachableness of Him.

Most of us know what it is to wait for a friend to meet us. Even though a time and a place have been agreed on, some are habitually late. Not so with Jesus, for His presence goes with us. There is no waiting for Him.

I. The promise of His presence is stated often in the Scriptures. Jesus, the Christian's company, assured His followers that He would be with them. His presence provides the needed company for one on all occasions. There is much talk about loneliness in the world today, especially among the elderly ones. It will be well to claim the promise of Jesus: Where two or three are gathered, I will be with you.

II. The purpose of His company with believers. He states this for us—to give a sense of security, a sense of unity, a mission to perform, and a message to proclaim. Jesus wants to go into the world through the life of His followers—to love the sinner through the life of His followers—to love the sinner through His people and to teach His people how to live in the world.

III. The power of His company. The church needs power to carry on the work which the Lord intends. For the power the church does not depend on the presence of a large number of people, but the church does depend on the presence of Christ. By such power, the faith of each believer is increased by such power, those in sin come to know Christ.

When there is power-failure, the work is hindered. Such failure is costly, dangerous, and destructive.

There is a need for more evidence of power among Christians today. Jesus is the Christian's company in order for such evidence to be a reality.



### Carey Homecoming Features Five

The March 31 Homecoming-even fellowship for church-related alumni and the April 1 Homecoming Dah festivities at William Carey featured the five men above. Left to right: Don tewart, chairman of the religion department, was emcee; B. F. Smith, former professor of philosophy and religion, was given a recognition award; Thomas Hiers, chaplain at the U. S. Naval Academy was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year; Sidney Buckley presented special music, and Earl Kelly gave the inspirational address. Kelly is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. (WCC Photo by Jimmy McFatter)

## Uniform Lesson

### Stephen: Martyred Messenger

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.  
First, Newton  
Acts 7:2, 44-53, 58

Carl Jung, the famous psychiatrist, said that "the central neurosis of our time is emptiness." That is not a condition descriptive of Stephen. Luke repeatedly referred to him as a full man. He was not full of himself, or of deceit, trickery or bitterness. Instead, he was full of faith, grace and power, and the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3, 5, 8; 7:55).

Sunday's lesson is the first of four dealing with men the Lord used. Stephen, the first reported to have died for the faith, was a full man.

I. He Was Full Of Conviction.

So far as the Acts record is concerned, Stephen was the first man in the Jerusalem church to see the gospel as God's good news for all men—not just Jews and Jewish proselytes. The Lord had commissioned His followers to be witnesses to all men everywhere (Acts 1:8). Stephen was the first to catch a world vision and have the conviction that all men should hear the gospel and that all could be saved apart from Judaism.

Something of Stephen's conviction can be seen in the defense he offered before the Jewish council (Acts 6:12-7:53). Stephen's defense is the longest address recorded in the Acts. In the address he declared that any place men meet God is holy ground and the Lord can be found everywhere (Acts 7:48-50). The Jews thought the temple in Jerusalem was the dwelling place of God.

A little girl went to school for the first time. It was a day of new experiences. During the day the woman principal had to make announcements over the public address system, thus the attention of the children was frequently drawn to the speakers in the classrooms. When the little girl returned home after her first day she was asked how she liked school. She answered, "I liked everything except that lady who lives in the box." God cannot be limited to a particular place and His grace is for all people. This was a conviction held by Stephen.

II. He Was Full Of Courage

Stephen was not afraid to stand by his beliefs. First, he had the courage to expound his convictions in a synagogue (Acts 6:9-10). This was

probably the synagogue Stephen attended before his conversion. Since Celicia is mentioned in reference to the attenders, it was also probably the synagogue with which Saul of Tarsus was associated. Thus Stephen had the courage to give his witness to those who were former associates.

Second, Stephen had the courage to stand firm when witnessing placed him in the disfavor of the authorities (Acts 6:11-7:1). Peter and John had stood before the council, and Stephen was forced to do the same. He was charged with speaking against "this holy place" (the temple) and the law (Acts 6:13). When called to answer he gave the lengthy statement of his faith (Acts 7:2-53).

What was the source of Stephen's courage? It came from the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Paul later wrote, "God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

The plaque on a pastor's desk states, "Lord, there is nothing I will face today that the two of us cannot handle." It has been said that one man plus God equals a majority.

III. He Was Full Of Compassion

Beyond doubt, Stephen was one of the most Christlike men in the New Testament. Like our Lord, Stephen prayed for the men who violently and viciously took his life. On the cross Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34). While being stoned by religious leaders whose rage had turned them into an irrational lynch mob, Stephen prayed for their forgiveness (Acts 7:60).

It is in connection with the murder of Stephen that Saul is first introduced in the Bible (Acts 7:58). We can only guess at the degree of influence Stephen had on Saul. I am persuaded that the two were close friends and associates in the same synagogue before Stephen's conversion. It is interesting to note that though Saul consented to Stephen's death, he did not actively participate in the stoning. Saul's failure to do so was not due to an aversion to violence, as his later conduct proves (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2). I believe he could not bring himself to help stone his friend. What effect did Stephen's witness in the synagogue and before the council, and his compassionate prayer while

dying have on Saul? When Saul later met the Lord on the Damascus Road Christ indicated that Saul was fighting a battle inside himself (Acts 26:14). Saul may well have been prepared for the Damascus Road experience by the Christian compassion demonstrated by Stephen.

Peter Miller, a Baptist preacher in colonial times, heard about a neighbor who had been arrested by General Washington's soldiers and charged with treason. Miller walked miles through the snow to Valley Forge to

plead before General Washington for the man's life. The general was impressed that Miller had come so far to plead for the life of a friend. "Friend," Miller said, "that man has treated me as an enemy." So Stephen pleaded before God for those who treated him as an enemy.

A person is never more like Christ than when he shows compassion to others. The Lord is moved with compassion toward men, and so it must be with those who follow Jesus.

## Life and Work Lesson

### What Is Sin?

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First  
Genesis 3

In our present dispensation of grace, freedom, love, and democracy, many Christians have trouble recognizing sin. Knowledge, customs, and mores are changing so rapidly in our restless society that we often are baffled and insecure. Distinct black and white ethics have been replaced in many areas with blurred gray "new morality." Even the church does not offer us the comfort of stability, for we who make up the church have been forced to rethink our traditional teaching, to recognize the element of truth in the charges that we are "pharisaical" and "puritanical." We have had to admit that we find it easier to follow a well-established code of religious "do's" and "don'ts" than to be forever searching for the way love would act.

The Genesis account of sin's invasion into man's experience remains the accurate picture of Satan's conquest of Everyman and Everywoman. The most valid means of identifying modern sin is to examine the ingredients of original sin.

Man Before The Fall  
God created man and woman and

placed them in the garden when they existed in a state of innocence with all that was necessary for happiness. They enjoyed unbroken fellowship with God, as was intended. Then came the temptation and their sin. This ended the happy fellowship Adam and Eve had with God and brought fearful consequences for them.

Why should Adam have been tempted? We may be certain that this was not a trap set by God to reduce Adam to a position inferior to God, as some critics have insisted. Man was a free moral agent with the precious privilege of choice. If one automatically did good or evil, he would be a robot. Adam and Eve had to make a choice.

The Bible does not detail where evil originated. The writer of Genesis assumes the presence of evil as a reality. Evil is that large term of what is wrong with existence. "Sin is one particular category of evil." Evil includes sin or responsible human action. Anything that threatens, thwarts, or attempts to destroy any part of God's good creation is evil.

The tempter came in the form of a serpent. Many ancient people regarded the serpent and the dragon as

the embodiment of evil. It seems natural for Satan to assume this form in his approach to man.

Satan tried to discredit God by saying, "He said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden.'" This implies that God had been unfair in making such a prohibition, since by doing so he was holding back something that Eve should have known. Thus, Satan questions the integrity of God. Very often, temptation begins by doubting God. So Satan implied that there was no harm in eating the fruit.

A lie was told to Eve by Satan when he said, "Ye shall not surely die." In other words, there would be no fatal consequences if she ate the fruit. This caused Eve to face the decision of believing God or Satan. She had to make a choice.

Satan asserted that the reason God forbade them to eat of the tree was because He knew that when they ate they would know as much as He knew. This was an appeal to pride, knowing man's reluctance to submit to authority.

The Fall of Man

The appeal made by Satan to man was based upon three desires of men which are not evil in themselves. These are the desires for food ("good for food"), the desire for the beautiful ("pleasant to the eyes"), and the desire for knowledge ("to make one

wise"). Satan's appeal was to the physical, to vanity, and to greater knowledge. These legitimate desires are still perverted by the "evil one" to cause men to sin against God.

Once Eve had made her decision and tasted of the forbidden fruit, it was natural that she share this with her husband. So Adam ate of the fruit. It is bad enough for one to commit a sin, but it is far worse to induce others to do likewise.

God did not give up on man, but He came in the cool of the evening to converse with Adam and Eve. Because of the sin, they now regarded Him as someone to be feared and avoided. Adam's fear caused him to try and hide from God. Yet God went on seeking and finding man.

Beyond The Fall

Man was confronted with his sin. Judgment and hope were extended to man. Sin had to be punished, but the sinner could be saved. Man's punishment affected his role as provider. Eve's punishment was pain in childbirth and a role where the husband would "rule" over her.

The promise was given to them that there will be one who will strike at evil, even though evil will always be lurking, trying to strike at righteousness. There would be an unending conflict between righteousness and evil, but righteousness will ultimately prevail.